

and conversed with him, in her youth.
 Sister Jane Shelton also said she saw the prophet and heard him give command to the Nauvoo Legion.
 Brother Robert Duke wanted to know how many there was present who saw the prophet twelve years ago.
 Brother A. J. Duke, Sister Annie Joseph Lambert bore their testimonies.
 Brother President Smart also addressed the conference and said that in as small a gathering that their scarcely be found so many that could testify to seeing the prophet.
 Congregation sang an angel from high.
 Dismissed by prayer.

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Heber Amusement Hall built in 1906-1907 by the three Heber Wards, located at First West and First North.

One of the first cooperative projects of the three new wards was the construction of the Heber Amusement Hall in 1906-1907. The building was badly needed to meet the growing demands of the auxiliary organizations within the three wards.

Historical Note:

"The building, known as the Heber Social Hall, was later remodeled to include an annex and kitchen facilities. Today, it is owned, maintained, and utilized by Wasatch County as a Senior Citizens Center."

When the building was started in 1906, the men turned out in full force to help on the project. The women were also present to serve them a delicious meal at the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle. The huge oak dance floor was carefully planned with more than 400 coil springs under the floor. It is still considered one of the best dance floors in the state of Utah. Over the years it has been a center for social and cultural events for the community as well as the church functions.

3rd Ward

A HOUSE OF OUR OWN

It was the desire of the Heber Third Ward members to build a meeting house of their own. With this thought in mind various organizations engaged in numerous fund-raising activities. We have included one example of these as reported in the weekly paper, *Wasatch Wave*, January 26, 1906.

"A Grand Concert will be held in the Heber Second Ward meeting house on the Saturday evening of Stake Conference, January 27, commencing at 7:30 p.m. An excellent program-musical and elocutionary — will be rendered. Admission is 15 cents, children 10 cents.

At noon on the same day the ladies of the Relief Society will serve a dinner to the public at 15 cents per meal. Conference visitors are invited to join the people of Heber in proving that the dinner is the best ever served for the price. No pains will be spared by the ladies in satisfying all comers. This will enable those attending conference to suspend cooking for that day. The proceeds will assist the Third Ward to purchase a new home."

A news item in the February 2nd, 1906 edition of the *Wasatch Wave* reported that after expenses had been paid on the festivities of January 26th, a sum of \$120.00 was turned over to the Third Ward bishop to apply on the "home fund." The paper also reported that the ward had made arrangements for the purchase of the two lots just south of the Central School on Main Street where a building would be built as soon as necessary funds could be obtained.

Dramatic productions were another means of raising building funds. Will Hicken, at age 100, recalled that when he was president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, the

Young Men's presidency in conjunction with the Young Women's presidency, decided to prepare a drama as a money-making effort. When the drama was ready, permission was granted to the cast to take the play to Daniel for its introductory premier. A large, approving congregation attended, but at the accounting after the show, only \$1.65 in cash had been received. The members of the ward had used a life-time ticket that entitled them to free access to any entertainment in their ward house. Disappointed in the small contribution to the building "nest egg," the players gladly donated it to the slowly growing fund.

Dramas, programs, dinners, baked goods sales and bazaars were the main sources of raising money. The bazaars were held in the Central School. Third Ward members were assessed varying amounts for the costs of the new chapel undertaking. These were paid in cash, materials and labor. Not all members contributed to their assessments, but some exceeded the amount designated to them.

Under date of November 15th 1905 a warranty deed signed by Charles W. and Grace Giles conveyed lots 3 and 4 on block 30 to Bishop Frederick Crook of the Heber Third Ward, Wasatch Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to his successor in office for the sum of \$550.00. (Entry 14947) This warranty deed was recorded April 12, 1906. Will Hicken thought that the vacant lots had been used as potato patches and had been cared for by John Ohlweiler.

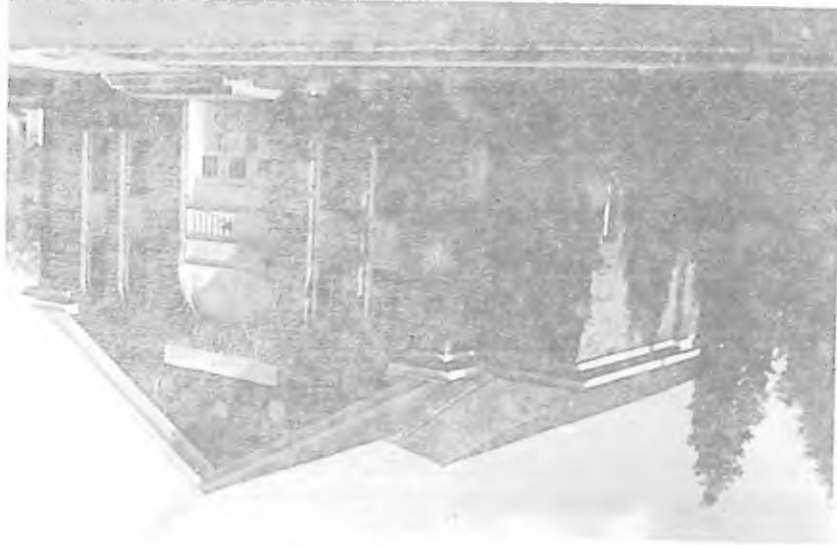
From the *Wasatch Wave* of September 24th, 1909 we read the following: "A mass meeting of the members of the Heber Third Ward was held last night to hear the report of the committee on plans and specifications for the new meeting house. The plans were submitted and approved and a building committee was selected. It is expected that work on the new building will begin at once."

Bishop Crook announced to his congregation several times that the building site had been surveyed and the pegs were all in place and that the members needed to get busy and start building. George Barzee was probably the man who had done the surveying as he was the only one in the community at that time with the knowledge, experience and equipment to do that type of work.

After the third time Bishop Crook made his plea to commence the building project, Will Hicken said to his mother, "I'm going down to the Mercantile in the morning when it opens and buy a

Brother Tom Blackley served as doorkeeper in the early days of the Third Ward and he took his assignment seriously. If a member was one minute late, he wasn't admitted until whatever was transpiring was finished. Then Brother Blackley opened the door and escorted the tardy church-goer to his seat. Noah Giles was also a doorkeeper for many years.

As there was no large recreation facility in the old Central School, the Third Warders were happy to unite with the other two Heber wards in the cooperative construction of the Heber Amusement Hall. The Amusement Hall or Heber Social Hall, as it was sometimes called, was finished in 1906-07. It was located at First North and First West. It was made of red sandstone with a huge maple dance floor covering more than 400 coil springs. Most of the construction work was performed by volunteer laborers. Later, an annex room was built adjoining the main hall to accommodate smaller parties and banquets. Heber Third Ward Relief Society sisters took their turn in supervising and preparing food for the ward or stake functions. The wards held banquets, parties, dances and reunions there for many years until more modern and functional buildings were erected in the 1950's and 1960's.



Heber Amusement Hall, built in 1906-07 by the three Heber Wards, located at First North and First West. Today it is known as the Senior Citizen's Center. The Daughters of Utah Pioneers house their artifacts in the upper story in the northern end of the building.

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Venola Cowley remembers that one time the Third Ward Relief Society met in the unfinished parlor of her parent's home at 509 South 100 East. Some of the school benches were brought to the home for this brief Relief Society occupancy.

Religion classes sponsored by the Latter-day Saint Church were held in the school with each age group being taught in its individual room by the school teacher on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4 o'clock. Courses of instruction were provided by the Church in the form of inspirational lessons in booklet form. Attendance at Religion Class was not compulsory. If a child didn't wish to remain, he could go home.

John Ohlweiler was custodian of the Central School even though he was severely crippled. He kept the building in top shape for both school and church use. He swept, dusted, oiled the wooden floors and stairs, arose at 4:30 each morning to start the fire in the coal furnace and shoveled snow from the walks in winter. He even had the unpleasant task of emptying the big tubs of refuse from the outdoor privies. Periodically in the night he would load the tubs on a wagon to transport them to a location unknown to his family or the school children. He then washed the containers before returning them to the separate girls' and boys' toilets. There were no plumbing facilities in the school, no piped-in water, no electricity. The children in school used a dipper to obtain a drink of water from a bucket on a stand. That which they did not drink, they poured into a second bucket. Everyone drank from the same dipper.

Brother and Sister Ohlweiler were also responsible for washing and pressing the sacrament table linens, for washing the water goblets or tiny glass sacrament cups and for providing the sacrament bread for the Third Ward meetings.

In Bishop Crook's journal he lists the names of the men who took their wagons and teams to Silver Creek to bring back loads of coal for the ward's share of fuel for the Central School. The following is an example.

January 15, 1904	Names	Weight	Price
	Noah Giles	3500	\$6.10
	Thomas M. Giles	3800	6.65
	James C. Murdock	3450	6.00
	Orson Hicken	4100	7.15

20. THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER (Heber Social Hall) to the west on Tabernacle Square was constructed between 1906 and 1908 and was a cooperative effort of the three L.D.S. Wards in Heber. Constructed of native lumber and red sandstone, it was built by volunteer laborers under the supervision of Edward D. Clyde. The huge maple floor is supported by more than 400 coil springs. It is still considered one of the best dance floors in the state.

